

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2009-190-E - ORDER NO. 2013-663
SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

IN RE: Application of Duke Energy Progress,)	ORDER APPROVING
Incorporated (f/k/a Carolina Power & Light)	EARLY TERMINATION
Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas,)	OF PROGRAM
Incorporated) for Approval of Experimental)	
Tariffs Covering its Initial Slate of Demand-)	
Side Management and Energy Efficiency)	
("DSM and EE") Programs)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the request of Duke Energy Progress ("DEP" or "the Company") for early termination of an experimental tariff, the Residential Service-Prepay Pilot Program Schedule RPP-18 ("Prepay" or "the Program"). The Commission approved the pilot as proposed in Docket No. 2009-190-E, Order No. 2012-301.

The primary objectives of Prepay are to measure and validate the achieved energy and capacity savings resulting from offering customers a prepaid payment option and to better understand the drivers and persistence underlying the associated energy savings. DEP also anticipated that the Prepay Pilot would help the Company determine the market for Prepay, examine customer behavior while on Prepay, determine customer motives, and evaluate customer preferences regarding payment channels and communication methods. DEP asked that the Program be authorized to run through April 30, 2014. The

Program has been funded by a U.S. Department of Energy designated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant.

At this time, DEP seeks to terminate the Program in advance of the original proposed date. Although there have been challenges associated with the program, including obtaining participants for the Program, limiting transaction fees, and adjusting expectations related to the available technology, DEP asserts that it has achieved the objectives set forth in its original proposal. If the Commission approves the early termination, DEP will terminate the Program and the thirty-nine Program participants will be placed back on a traditional tariff.

Prior to signing up for Prepay, many of the participants had deposits associated with their accounts. These were used to pay certain account balances and to prepay for electric service. In light of the hardship that could be created by requiring another deposit and in light of the early termination, the Company intends to provide the required deposits, and, according to the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), shareholder funds will be used for this purpose if needed. Further, the Company will submit to the Commission a report containing program findings and challenges, including analysis, after final Program close out. ORS has no objection to the early termination of the Program, given the Company’s assurance that the objectives of the Program have been achieved and the Program findings will be presented to the Commission.

Since there is no opposition to the request for early termination of the Program, we grant the request as filed. However, DEP shall provide the Commission with a report

of the results of this pilot program as soon as possible, but no later than the filing of the next DSM/EE Rider.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikiya Hall, Vice Chairman

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